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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ALAJEM Sara, et al

Serial No.: 09/727,480

Filed: December 4, 2000

**For: Oligonucleotides And Assemblies
Thereof Useful In The Detection
Of The Presence Or Absence Of Target
Nucleic Acid Sequences**

Examiner: Jeffrey N. Fredman

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Group Art Unit: 1634

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Docket: 00/21400

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

## RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action sent July 7, 2003, a response to which is due, and being made, within two months. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: